

MLA: Organizing your Rough Draft & Final Draft

SAMPLE FIRST PAGES

Instructions for how to formatting the First Page of Your Paper:

1. Create a heading In the upper left-hand corner of the first page:

Your Name

Your Teacher's Name

Class title followed by a dash the class period (example: Language Arts-1)

Date the paper is due

Again, be sure to use double-spaced text.

2. Double space again and center the title. Do not underline, italicize, or place your title in quotation marks; write the title in Title Case (standard capitalization), not in all capital letters.

3. Use quotation marks and/or italics when referring to other works in your title, just as you would in your text:

Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas as Morality Play; Human Weariness in "After Apple Picking"

4. Double space between the title and the first line of the text.

5. Create a header in the upper right-hand corner that includes your last name, followed by a space with a page number; number all pages consecutively with Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.), one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin. (Note: In the future, your instructor may ask that you omit your last name/page number header on your first page.)

Visual sample of the first page of a paper in MLA style:

